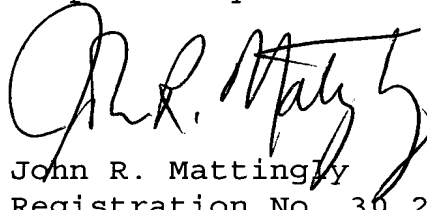


REMARKS

Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 8-19 are pending.

Examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Mattingly", is written over the typed name.

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